GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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SHORTCOMINGS UNDER PMGSY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set a goal to provide connectivity to all villages with all weather roads under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);

(b) if so, whether this ambitious plan has met only one-fifth of the target fixed by the Planning Commission;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether some State Governments have not yet submitted the detailed project reports to the Union Government;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to accelerate the implementation of PMGSY?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a): Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is a 100% Centrally Sponsored Scheme with the objective of providing connectivity by way of all-weather road to all unconnected habitations with a population of 500 persons and above in plain areas, and population of 250 persons and above in case of Hill, Desert and Tribal areas.

(b) to (e): As per the latest estimates, about 1.79 lakh unconnected habitations are eligible to be covered under PMGSY. Upto the end of the Tenth Five Year Plan 37,487 habitations have been provided connectivity under the scheme. Since inception of PMGSY, State Governments were required to submit the project proposals upto Phase- VII. A list, indicating the States which have either not submitted the project proposals upto Phase-VII or the States who have submitted their project proposals but not yet cleared, is annexed.

(f): Steps have been taken to accelerate the pace of implementation of the programme through enhanced allocation of funds, augmentation of contracting capacity, through modifications in Standard Bidding Document, provision of interest free advance to the contractors for procurement of plant and machinery, training of field staff including contractor`s personnel, continuous and regular monitoring of the programme etc. States have been advised to increase the number of programme implementing units, wherever necessary and also ensure timely completion of the process of tendering and award of projects.

Annexure referred in reply to part (b) to (e) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.3266 due for answer on 7.12.2007

States where project proposals upto States where project proposals for Phase- Phase-VII has not been received VII has been received not yet cleared Andhra Pradesh Karnataka Arunachal Pradesh Himachal Pradesh Bihar Goa Jammu & Kashmir Jharkhand Kerala Maharashtra Manipur Meghalaya Mizoram Nagaland Punjab Sikkim Tamil Nadu Tripura Uttar Pradesh Uttarakhand West Bengal